



# PAMI Adopt-a-Pastor



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## Pastor Redentor G. “Redgie” Bonifacio

Castilla Christian Church - Eco St., Poblacion, Castilla, Sorsogon, Philippines



**Birthday:** October 11, 1982

**Parents:** Metodio (a farmer) and Teresita Bonifacio of Mapajo, Irosin, Sorsogon

**Education:** San Roque High School of Bulusan, Sorsogon, March 2000

Emmaus Bible Institute (PAMI), March 2005

**Engaged to:** Aireen, a school teacher in Castilla (planning to marry in October 2010)

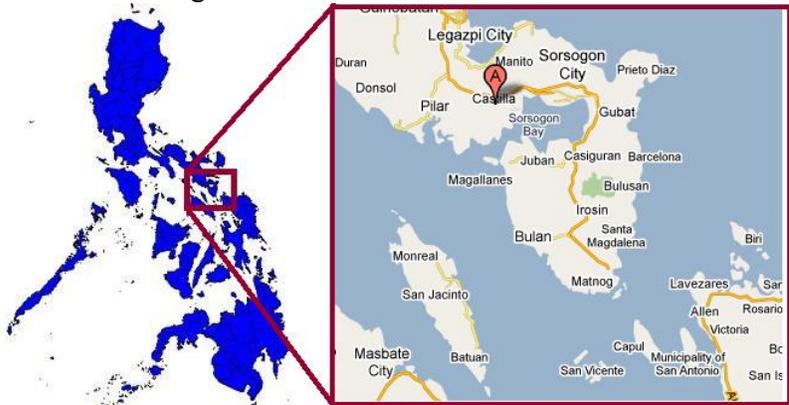
**Languages:** Tagalog, Bicol, English (quite fluent in English)

Ptr. Redgie is an upstanding, amicable, devoted, and capable individual. He has been pastoring the Castilla Christian Church and teaching part-time at EBI ever since his graduation from EBI. The Castilla Church was originally started by a PAMI evangelist named Mrs. Luz Ortega back in the 1980s. Mrs. Ortega was a former NPA rebel recruiter and had a strong desire to plant churches in places like Castilla, which have been NPA strongholds. Mrs. Ortega and the Castilla Christian Church eventually became independent of PAMI. Mrs. Ortega funded various pastors to shepherd the Castilla church, by means of employment with the government and eventually working in Alaska. The Castilla Church went through some tough times, especially because of the bad reputation of a prior pastor. Then Mrs. Ortega requested Ptr. Redgie to take over. Another blow came when a strong typhoon hit in Nov.

2006, and took the roof off the church and left the building in shambles. Ptr. Redgie remained steadfast in his calling, even if it meant living in a makeshift shelter there at the church.

When PAMI heard of his sad plight, a bunch of PAMI pastors and EBI students brought some materials and came to help fix

up the building. It was a big community effort, like an Amish barn raising. The PAMI people also helped with outreach while they were there, and the hearts of the church members were touched by those acts of love. Mrs. Ortega had a stroke, and was unable to keep sending Ptr.



Redgie an allowance. That's when PAMI adopted him and provided for his allowance instead. Most recently, Mrs. Ortega has turned over the title of the church lot and building to PAMI, and Ptr. Redgie has become a full-fledged PAMI worker.

Ptr. Redgie and the Castilla Church were particularly encouraged by the visit of the Respond team in July. Having a team of Americans visit and conduct a Kids' Bible Club added even more credibility to the ministry there, and attendance has been up ever since.

**Prayer Requests:**

- That Ptr Redgie would be a sweet aroma of Christ for the Castilla church, and those he ministers to
- Safety as he travels
- Marriage plans for Redgie and Aireen